

# TEACHER OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY (ENDORSEMENT CODE: 1630)

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**TO AVOID DELAYS:** After applying online, please submit **ALL** necessary documentation, including the oath of allegiance/verification of accuracy form, **together** in a **single packet** to the address below. If possible, please have transcripts sent to you first and then forward them in the sealed envelope(s) together with any other documents. Please include your Social Security number or tracking number in all correspondence with our office.

**NJ Department of Education  
Office of Licensure and Credentials  
PO Box 500  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0500**

This endorsement entitles the holder to teach **PHYSICAL EDUCATION** in all public schools. The following requirements must be met for this certificate.

## Degree Requirement

- A minimum of a bachelor's degree is required from a [regionally accredited college/university](http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/usaccred.htm). (<http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/usaccred.htm>)

## Cumulative GPA Requirement

- New Jersey requires that candidates for certification achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 when a GPA of 4.00 equals an A grade for students graduating on or after September 1, 2004 (2.50 for those graduating before September 1, 2004) in a baccalaureate degree program, higher degree program or a State-approved post-baccalaureate certification program with a minimum of 13 semester-hour credits. Please note that a high praxis test score may offset a GPA that is lower than 2.75 but higher than 2.50. Click on the following link for more details: <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/gpa.htm>

## Subject Matter Preparation

- For certification as a **Physical Education** teacher, current regulations require that applicants complete a minimum of 30 credits in a coherent sequence in the subject field of **Physical Education**. A coherent sequence requires that at least 12 credits are completed at the advanced level of study (junior, senior or graduate level). Within the 30 credits, you must also complete Physical Education study in Team, Dual, and Individual sports. You must complete a course in each category. Examples of courses accepted for **physical education** include **biological sciences related to the structure and function of the human body, fundamental skills and exercises, gymnastics, individual sports, dual sports, team sports, rhythm and dance**. Examples of team sports are **basketball, baseball, soccer or football**. **Badminton and tennis are considered dual sports. Individual sports include bowling and golf**. Related courses may be accepted depending on the course description/content. Please provide a course description if a course is not taken from the **Physical Education** Department. Courses in pedagogy/education are not accepted towards the subject matter preparation. The final determination as to which courses will be counted towards the **Physical Education** subject matter is based on professional and content standards found in the NJ Licensing Code. **All credits must appear on a regionally accredited 2 or 4 year college/university transcript.**

## Praxis II Test Requirement

- Test Requirement.** Please go to <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/1112.pdf> for testing details. Official scores must be presented directly from Educational Testing Service to the NJ Department of Education. Only official scores are accepted. **The New Jersey Department of Education code (R7666) and your Social Security number must appear on your test score report in order to be accepted. Please submit a copy of your test score report if you have taken the appropriate exam.**

## 24 Hour Requirement

- Effective October 31, 2009, eligibility for the elementary school (K-5) Certificate of Eligibility or instructional area Certificate of Eligibility requires candidates to demonstrate knowledge of basic pedagogical skills appropriate to the area of endorsement prior to the issuance of a certificate. The requirement may be met through successful completion of a minimum of 24 hours of study offered through a state-approved provider or through approved coursework at a NJ State-approved college as documented on a transcript. If submitting a Certificate of Completion for the 24 hour pre-service to meet this requirement, only original documentation will be accepted. Do not send copies or faxes. Please go to <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/> for details and a list of approved courses and providers.

## Physiology and Hygiene Requirement

NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT IS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES CURRENTLY IN EFFECT. REQUIREMENTS, PASSING TEST SCORES, AND FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

- This requirement may be completed by presenting evidence of basic military training, OR by completing a course such as biology, Physical Education or nutrition that appears on a regionally accredited 2 or 4 year college or university transcript, OR by completing a 35 question True/False test administered in the county office of education. Please go to <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/county.htm> in order to contact a county office of education **after** you apply online.

**Fee Information**

- **No checks or money orders will be accepted**
- Please make the payment online at <http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/license/epay.htm>.
- **Please notify your examiner after payment has been made.**
- If you apply and are denied, you will be charged a fee of \$70.
- **All fees, including money left on file, are nonrefundable**

IF YOU HAVE MET THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS, [CLICK HERE](#) TO APPLY ONLINE.